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The communication filed on April 11, 2003 is *non-responsive* to the prior Office action because Applicants have **failed to specifically point out how the language of claims 44-45, 47-48 50-54 and 58 patentably distinguishes them from the applied reference(s).** The last sentence of section numbered 3 in the Office Action was intended to address these claims. Applicant is reminded of MPEP § 714.02 and 37 CFR 1.111(b), which states *"The applicant's or patent owner's reply must appear throughout to be a bona fide attempt to advance the case to final action. A general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section."* Additionally, Applicant is reminded of the requirement to submit proposed drawing changes in red. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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